

**WORKSHOP SESSION  
TIFT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2012 (6:00 p.m.)**

The scheduled Workshop Session of the Tift County Board of Commissioners was called to order by Chairman Grady Thompson on Tuesday, April 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Administrative Building. Members of the Commission present including Chairman Thompson were Vice Chairman Robert Setters and Commissioners Mike Jones, Donnie Hester, Sherry Miley, Buck Rigdon and Melissa Chevers.

**Public Comments:** None

**Appointments:**

**1. Jack Abbott** requested to address the Board concerning a flooding/drainage problem of New River and the surrounding tributaries. He asked about a maintenance agreement for the canal. He stated that things have been going fine until about 18 months ago and something has happened to cause the canal not to work properly. He believes the blockage is at Hwy 125 and the Lower Brookfield Road. He passed around pictures that he and some other neighbors that it has affected had taken. Johnny and Jimmy Mixon both were also present at the meeting and they have both lost timber along the river. They asked Mr. Abbott to give the County Manger his contact information and they could work together to see if there is anything we can do to help the situation.

**Public Hearings:**

**A. TC-ZA-12-01: Petition by Tifton Harley Davidson, C/O Daren Keeter for a change in zoning from R-12 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to GA (General Business) Zoning District for a development of a motorcycle rider education and training facility and storage building on 4.29 acres on Parcel T20-36 at 64 Casseta Road:** Todd Miller was present to give the staff report. The petition has been reviewed and found that it meets all the Standards for Exercise of Zoning Powers. Staff recommends approval of this rezoning request with the following conditions: 1) Revise the proposed site plan to maximize the preservation of existing viable trees on property. Such trees preserved on site may count toward landscaping requirements; 2) Provide a fence and landscape buffer along the north, south and western property to minimize noise impacts on surrounding residential areas; 3) Construct the classroom/storage building in a manner that is compatible with the residential construction styles. This request was approved by the Greater Tift County Planning and Zoning Committee.

**Items to be discussed for Regular Session on April 9, 2012:**

**B. Appointments to the Greater Tift County Planning and Zoning Board:** Carl Fortson advised the Board that the appointment of Ricky Justice to this Board expired December 2011. The County also has two other vacant seats on this Board all of which needs to be filled. Mr. Justice as indicated that he would like to continue serving on this Board. We also have several other applications that have been filed with the Clerk for consideration of appointment to the Tift County Planning and Zoning Board. Those applications in addition to Ricky Justice are Gene Fandel, Keri Jones and Randy Clements. Mr. Fortson advised the applications are attached to the Board request for their review.

**C. Appointments to the Tift County Zoning Board of Appeals:** Carl Fortson advised the Board that Bob Brewster and Luther Overstreet's terms have expired on this Board. Mr. Brewster and Mr. Overstreet have expressed a desire to continue serving. There is also one other vacancy on this Board. All three positions will need to be filled. In addition to the applications of Bob Brewster and Luther Overstreet, Tim Butler has turned in an application for consideration.

**D. Appointment to the Library Board:** The County Clerk reported that Lennie Vollmer has turned in her letter of resignation to the Library Board. Her term does not expire until June 2013. The Board will need to replace this seat. Only one application has been received for consideration from Ella Pettiford and has been attached to the request for the Board's review.

**E. Renewal of Beer License for Jeta Patel at Good Neighbor Grocery:** The county Clerk advised the Board that the State has confirmed that the pending citations against Ms. Patel have been cleared up and are willing to re-instate her State Alcohol License once she receives her County license. The history of this renewal application has been sent to the Sheriff for his review and was asked to treat it as a new application by signing off on the application should he approve. This comes to the Board with an approval from the Sheriff to re-instate Ms. Patel's alcohol license.

**F. ACCG Safety Verification form to receive discounts on Insurance Premiums:** The County Clerk advised that these are annual incentives offered by ACCG in order to receive discounts on the County's premiums for Worker's Comp and Property and Liability. The Safety Coordinator and Committee have stated

that the County is in compliance with the regulations to be eligible for the discounts and the Chairman needs to be authorized to endorse the Verification Form.

**G. Beer License Application for Kimberly Jenkins for a Variety Store at 367 Hwy 125 South:** The County Clerk advised that Kimberly Jenkins as submitted an application for beer license to operate a variety store located at 367 Hwy 125 South. The application has been properly process, criminal history and fingerprints have been completed and the Sheriff has reviewed the application and documents. It comes to the Board with an approval from the Sheriff.

**H. Beer License Application for Eli Jarosh for Action Billiard located on Hwy 82 West:** the County Clerk advised that new owners have taken over Action Billiards and they have applied for a Beer License. Elijah Jarosh has made application and it has been process, criminal history and fingerprint process has been completed. Mr. Jarosh presented a license from another state. It is a partnership and the other partner in this business is not of legal age to hold an alcohol license. It was sent to the Sheriff's office to be reviewed and the Sheriff did not approve the application.

**I. FY 2012 MIL Agreement with Department of Family & Children Services:** The County Manager reported that each year the County enters into Maintenance in Lieu of Rent Agreement with the department of Human Resources/Department of Family and Children Services related to the occupation of the building located at 410 West 2<sup>nd</sup> Street. The county pays the maintenance of the building throughout the year and at the end of the year calculates a monthly rental fee for the upcoming year based on the prior year's actual cot to maintain the building. Through the MIL agreements the County can received monthly payments in the amount of \$26,342.27 from the Department of Family and Children Services for the cost of maintaining the building. The Chairman will need to be authorized to sign the Agreement.

**J. Homeland Security C.E.R.T Grant awarded from GEMA for \$4,995:** Jason Jones, EMA Director advised the Board that this is a 100% Grant offered by GEMA. The money will be used to purchase response equipment, training and inventory. The Chairman will need to be authorized to endorse the grant.

**K. Approve repairs to the Administration Building Fire Alarm System:** The County Manager advised the Board that it has recently has been discovered that the fire security system in the Administration Building is not properly working nor is it up to the current fire code. Building and Grounds Department has solicited bids from three vendors: Johnson Electronics: \$46,523; Sunbelt Security: \$30,685; and Coopercraft: \$23,738. In order to be in compliance the Fire Marshall must approve the system and they have looked at the low bidder's system and have approved it. The upgrade of the Fire Alarm System can be paid from SPLOST funding.

**County Manager Items:**

- Advised that Budget Meetings with Department Heads have been set up and will begin next week

**Commissioners Comments:**

Commissioner Jones inquired about mosquito spraying and it was reported that the County is running the routes over the County doing the spraying.

**Executive Session:** Motion to go into Executive Session for legal and land acquisition was made by Vice Chairman Setters, seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion to close Executive Session was made by Commissioner Jones, seconded by Vice Chairman Setters. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Thompson adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman Grady Thompson, District 7

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Vice Chairman Robert Setters, District 3

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Commissioner Donnie Hester, District 1

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Commissioner Melissa Chevers, District 2

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Commissioner Sherry Miley, District 4

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Commissioner F. W. (Buck) Rigdon, District 5

ATTEST:

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Commissioner C. Michael Jones, District 6

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County Clerk 3/6/2012

